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WOMAN CHARGED WITH COCAINE POSSESSION

(Beaumont, TX) A Federal Grand Jury has indicted a Louisiana resident for drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **BELQUI ARLENE RODRIGUEZ**, 41, of Kenner, LA, was charged with possession with intent to distribute over 30 kilograms of cocaine.

According to information presented in court, on June 4, 2006, an officer with the Beaumont Police Department stopped a vehicle on Interstate 10 after the vehicle almost struck the officer's patrol car. A search of the vehicle during the traffic stop revealed multiple packages of cocaine.

If convicted, **RODRIGUEZ** faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$4 million. It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The case was investigated by the Beaumont Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant U.S. Attorney David H. Henderson is prosecuting the case.

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